



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 68
[2015 Assembly Bill 77]

**Certification of Certain Former Law
Enforcement Officers to Carry
Concealed Weapons**

Wisconsin law generally authorizes former law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons if they meet certain statutory criteria. One of the statutory requirements is that the law enforcement agency where the former officer worked certifies that the former officer meets the agency's current firearm training standards.

Under **prior law**, the Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) was authorized to provide a certification for an individual who was employed by a federal law enforcement agency, but an individual who was a nonfederal former officer in another state could not obtain that certification. In addition, prior law was unclear with respect to a situation where the agency where a former officer was employed ceases to exist.

2015 Wisconsin Act 68 makes two changes relating to the certification of former law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons. First, it authorizes DOJ to issue certifications to carry a concealed weapon for former law enforcement officers who were employed by agencies in other states.

Second, it specifies that when a law enforcement agency ceases to exist, the law enforcement agency that assumes the responsibilities of the former law enforcement agency may provide such certifications for former officers of that former law enforcement agency.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.